

## **U.S. Embassy Accepting Applications for Prestigious Humphrey Fellowship**

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is pleased to announce the beginning of the application period for the 2011-2012 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program.

This prestigious scholarship program, initiated in 1978 to honor the memory and accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice-President, Hubert H. Humphrey, allows accomplished professionals from designated countries around the world to engage in a year of non-degree study and related professional experiences at selected U.S. universities. During the fellowship year, the Humphrey fellows participate in programs that combine graduate-level academic course work with professional development activities, promoting an exchange of knowledge and international cultural understanding.

Outstanding Iraqi professionals at a midpoint of their careers are urged to apply on-line to the program prior to the **August 5, 2010** deadline. The fellows are selected based on their potential for national leadership and commitment to public service, in either the public or private sector. Candidates must reside in Iraq, hold a B.A. or B.S. degree, and have at least five years of substantial professional experience. Preference is given to candidates with little or no prior experience in the U.S. Applicants need to be proficient in English with a minimum TOEFL score of 525 PBT (paper based test) or 71 iBT (internet based test).

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program in Iraq seeks to develop the potential for professional advancement in all fields and to contribute to the educational goals of both countries. The Binational Humphrey Selection Committee at the U.S. Embassy therefore selects candidates from a variety of disciplines, and from all parts of Iraq.

Participation in the Humphrey Program is an exceptional opportunity for exceptional Iraqi professionals to experience life in the United States first-hand. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in the U.S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts in Iraq.

The scholarship will fund all costs relating to international travel, tuition and university fees, accident/sickness insurance, monthly maintenance allowance, and funding for books and professional activities. This program is not designed to offer an advance degree, but to provide broad, professional enrichment throughout a combination of activities tailored to each Fellow's interest.

Additional information can be found at the websites:

[http://iraq.usembassy.gov/iraq/humphrey\\_fellowship.html](http://iraq.usembassy.gov/iraq/humphrey_fellowship.html)

<http://www.humphreyfellowship.org>

Specific questions about the Humphrey Program in Iraq can be sent to the email address: [HumphreyIraq@state.gov](mailto:HumphreyIraq@state.gov).